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## REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 7, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-36, please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application based on the following:

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.